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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ON PETITION

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the Patent Office decision on the petition in the above-identified application as reflected in its Decision On Petition Under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(6) mailed August 23, 2004. The Patent Office dismissed the petition due to improper incorporation by reference statement of provisional application Serial No. 60/076,973 filed March 3, 1998 in Applicants's amendment filed April 11, 2002.

This application herein was filed on October 26, 2001, which was not within twelve months of the filing date of aforesaid provisional application to statutorily allow acceptance of the prior-filed amendment as drafted in applicant's previously filed amendment. Applicants have enclosed herewith an Amendment to include only the

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statement "from which priorities are claimed" and omitting the statement "all of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety...under 35 U.S.C. §120".

The entire delay between the date the decision on petition mailed August 23, 2004 and the date of petitioner's request for reconsideration is unintentional, due to the failure to appropriately docket the mailing and mailing date of the Patent Office's decision on petition. The undersigned's docketing program operated on a less automated system in that it is necessary to manually input the mailing and mail date of the Patent Office's decision on petition followed by a manual docket of when a timely request for reconsideration would have been due. Neither docketing occurred by the undersigned's former employee, who had docketing responsibilities.

Applicants believe that there is no fee due. Should the Commissioner find otherwise, the commissioner is authorized to charge the fees due and to credit any overpayment as set forth under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Acct. No. 04-1679, referencing Attorney Docket No. R0367-00401.

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